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Even the Fillipinos have learned what a powerful weapons the workers have in their hands in their control of the machinery of production. The Fillipinos want independence. They are not satisfied to be wards of American imperialism. The English news-papers of Manila, representing the American exploiters on the islands, have taken a position in opposition to independence. The Fillipino workmen employed by these papers have answered by going on strike and soldiers stationed on the islands were ordered to get out the papers. It seems that the Fillipino workmen struggling for their national freedom have a better idea how to use their power than the members of the printing trade unions of this country, who go right on getting out the capitalist newspapers during the strikes, even though these newspapers are filled with lies and misrepresentations of the cause of the workers.

The boycott of Hungary by the International Federation of Trade Unions, to force the reactionary government of that country to

cease its persecution of workingmen is still on. At a recent meeting of the Bureau the following demands upon Hungary were outlined, which must be granted before the boycott is lifted: Reconstruction of the trade union; the return of the stolen cash and property belonging to the locals and a guarantee that they will not be hindered in their activities; the possibility of the return of such of the emigrants as have been guilty of common crimes and the guarantee that in case they are tried they be judged by ordinary civil courts; the abolition of internment; the release of political prisoners; the abolition of the system of accelerated court proceedings in the trials of officers, functionaries and representatives of the former revolutionary government. It is something new to have an International Trade Union organization making demands upon the government of a sovereign state!

"Industrial peace can be obtained in this country, providing the right of the workers to organize trade unions and to be represented by persons of their own selection in all matters directly concerning them and their interests as wage-workers is conceded" Gompers wrote to Harding, the Republican nominee. Do the workers want "peace" or better wages and working conditions and control of their own jobs? The only way they can get the latter is to fight the capitalists to the finish. What Gompers' tactics mean have been shown in the lost strikes of the steel workers and the miners.

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